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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-SB/080 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the identified reference is enclosed. We note that the issue fee has already been paid on this application.

The identified DE 94 18 036 U reference was cited by the Supplementary European Search Authority recently received in a corresponding European application. (The U.S. 4,703,602 reference was already of record in this case.) We note that the DE 94 18 036 U reference is cited as an "A" reference, only as technological background. A copy of the Supplementary Search Report is enclosed. In addition, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed after receipt of a notice of allowance and after payment of the issue fee, and it is accompanied by a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1).

Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS. Therefore, no fee is required.

The director is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this matter to Deposit account number 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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